



COMMITTEE ON RULES, ORDINANCES, AND ORDERS

Councilor David A. Murphy, Chair

Councilor Jesse M. Adams

Councilor Maureen T. Carney

Minutes

Monday, July 8, 2013

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

City Council chambers, Wallace J. Puchalski Municipal Building
212 Main Street, Northampton, MA

1. Members present/absent: Councilor Murphy, Councilor Adams. Councilor Carney was absent. Councilor Freeman-Daniels and David Pomerantz, Director of Central Services, were also present.
2. Meeting Called to Order **Councilor Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.**
3. Announcement of Audio/Video Recording of Meeting **The meeting was audio-recorded.**
4. Public Comment **None**
5. Discussion of Ordinances for Council Committees and Rules
6. Order: Committee on Ordinance, Appointments, and Rules (Submitted by Councilor Adams)

Councilor Adams noted intentions to comply with the new City Charter, such as a proposal that appointments be at Ordinance Committee. Councilor Murphy noted that "review of contracts" should be checked on with Susan Wright, Finance Director. Councilor Freeman-Daniels agreed that Ordinance Committee usually has the final word before an item goes to City Council, so consideration should be made to have appointments considered at this Committee. Councilors agreed that Councilor Carney's input would be appreciated on these issues. Councilor Adams also noted that information requests might be referred to this Committee. A new committee could be formed just to consider information requests, with meetings as needed, but not necessarily monthly. This Committee might consider further consolidation of committees. Councilor Adams noted other cities have less committees.

The discussion was continued to August 12, 2013 meeting.

12. Ordinance: Amend §312-110 Schedule IX: Off-Street Parking Areas (Referred by City Council June 27, 2013 to Committee on Rules, Ordinances, and Orders)

13. Ordinance: Amend §312-36 Parking Meter Locations and Regulations (Referred by City Council June 27, 2013 to Committee on Rules, Ordinances, and Orders)

David Pomerantz noted that these Ordinances are for the new parking deck, lower level. There are no upfront costs (See attached memo).

Councilor Adams moved to send to City Council, with a positive recommendation; Councilor Murphy seconded. The motion passed unanimously (2-0).

10. Order: Changes to City Council Rules #2 and #43 (Referred by City Council June 20, 2013 to Committee on Rules, Ordinances, and Orders)

The Order will be split into two Orders.

Councilor Adams moved to send to City Council, with a positive recommendation; Councilor Murphy seconded. The motion passed unanimously (2-0).

7. Ordinance: Amend §350c-Attachment Use and Dimensional Regulation Central Business District (Referred by City Council June 20, 2013 to Committee on Economic Development, Housing and Land Use, Planning Board, and Committee on Rules, Ordinances, and Orders) *Positive Recommendation by EDHLU July 2, 2013*

8. Ordinance: Amend §350-350a et seq. Increase Height Limits in General Business District (Referred by City Council June 20, 2013 to Committee on Economic Development, Housing and Land Use, Planning Board, and Committee on Rules, Ordinances, and Orders) *Positive Recommendation by EDHLU July 2, 2013*

The Ordinances were continued to August 12, 2013.

9. Order: Adopt Council Committees (Referred by City Council June 20, 2013 to Committee on Rules, Ordinances, and Orders)

11. Ordinance: Amend §22-2 through §22-8 Council Committees (Referred by City Council June 20, 2013 to Committee on Rules, Ordinances, and Orders)

The Ordinances were continued to August 12, 2013.

NEW BUSINESS –*Reserved for topics that the Chair did not reasonably anticipate would be discussed. None*

At 7:00 p.m., Councilor Adams moved to adjourn and was seconded by Councilor Murphy. The motion passed unanimously (2-0).

*Respectfully submitted,
Mary L. Midura
Executive Secretary*



CITY OF NORTHAMPTON, MASSACHUSETTS

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David Pomerantz
Director of Central Services

To: Transportation and Parking Commission

From: David Pomerantz

Date: May 17, 2013

Re: Gothic Street Parking Structure

With construction completed on the two-level parking structure adjacent to the new police station the Mayor would like to open the lower level parking to the public.

The lower level of the structure has 56 spaces. Forty-six of them are allotted for court employee parking and the remaining ten spaces are reserved for Hampshire Council of Government staff. The court and HCOG employees are allowed to park in the lower level from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday-Friday. Until now, temporary signage has been used to allow court and COG permitted parking only in the lower level.

While the attached proposed ordinances are being addressed the Mayor wants to allow free parking from 5 p.m.-6a.m. Monday-Friday and on Saturday and Sunday. Additional temporary signage would state when parking is allowed and that it will be free until the new ordinances are adopted.

The city already has a pay-to-park machine, and it would be installed, along with permanent signage and bollards, in the lower level.

The proposed ordinances would create a new class for hourly charges when parking is allowed (\$.75/hr), and would add the parking structure to off-street parking areas under city ordinances.

JUNE 18, 2013

TRANSPORTATION + PARKING COMMISSION - UNANIMOUS
NOTE WITH POSITIVE RECOMMENDATION TO
CITY COUNCIL (8-0)

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UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF Transportation & Parking Commission

ORDINANCE

An Ordinance of the City of Northampton, Massachusetts, providing that the Code of Ordinances,

City of Northampton, Massachusetts, be amended by revising section §312-110 of said code;

providing that *Schedule IX: Off-Street Parking Areas*

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Northampton, in City Council assembled, as follows: That section §312-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Northampton, Massachusetts, be amended so that such section shall read as follows:

§312-110 SCHEDULE IX: OFF-STREET PARKING AREAS

ADD:

Parking Area	Location	Area/Number of Spaces	Time Limit/Class
Lower Level- Gothic Street Parking Structure	Westerly side of Gothic Street adjacent to the Police Station	56 spaces	Class 5-C: 5:00 p.m.-6:00 a.m. Monday-Friday; 24 hours Saturday & Sunday

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providing that *Parking Meter Locations and Regulations*

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Northampton, in City Council assembled, as follows: That section §312-36 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Northampton, Massachusetts, be amended so that such section shall read as follows:

§312-36 PARKING METER LOCATIONS AND REGULATIONS

ADD:

Class	Time Limit	Fee
5C	5:00 p.m.-6:00 a.m. Monday through Friday, Saturday & Sunday unlimited	\$0.75 per hour